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Submitted to **Gluten-free food on NHS prescription in England**

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Introduction

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Question 1

1 Do you think the definitions / descriptions of the products that will be allowed in future are clear and will be understood by prescribers, patients and suppliers?

Yes

Please add any comments to expand on your above answer:

Yes, but the changes should be clearly communicated to patients affected and patients generally, to ensure that there is no misunderstanding as to which GF products are permitted.

Question 2

2 Do you think that the proposed Amendment Regulations as drafted will achieve the desired changes; to provide a staple list of gluten-free breads and mixes to patients on NHS prescription?

Yes

Please add any comments to expand on your above answer:

Generally, yes.

Question 3

3 Do you think the proposed Amendment Regulations will have any unintended consequences?

Yes

Please add any comments to expand on your above answer:

In a previous related-consultation response, PSNC recognised the financial challenge that the NHS is currently facing and as a consequence we believe that it is appropriate that gluten-free prescribing should be restricted to the prescribing of staple products (bread, pasta and flour mixes).

In the short-term, community pharmacies must be permitted sufficient time to run-down dispensing stock of other GF products to ensure that they do not sustain unfair financial losses.

CCGs and local NHS England teams must communicate with patients to ensure that they are aware of the changes and in good time.

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